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How many accessible parking spaces are required outside a store, hospital, or apartment building? How many of these should be big enough to accommodate a van? What signs are required? What are the penalties for not complying with the law? These are just a few of the questions answered in this summary of state and federal disabled parking regulations for public buildings.

This booklet is one way of meeting Clark County's goal of partnering with businesses and citizens to ensure all members of our community have equal opportunities and protections under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title III. We hope you find this summary useful.

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CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Americans with Disabilities Act

What laws govern disabled parking?

The ADA is a comprehensive federal civil rights law for people with disabilities. The Department of Justice enforces the law's requirements in three areas. Title III refers to public accommodations and commercial facilities.

At the state level, Washington Administrative Code Section 51-40 has been certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as meeting or exceeding the requirements of the ADA. The provisions of WAC 51-40-1107 directly regulate accessible parking in public places in Clark County, except for:

- Apartment houses with ten or fewer units.
- Any building or structure used solely as a home that contains no more than two dwelling units.

The complete text of WAC 51-40 can be found at www.sbccc.wa.gov. Parking facilities are described in Section 1107, which is included in the appendix of this booklet.

Another Washington law, RCW 46.61.581, specifies penalties for property owners who do not comply with sign requirements.

How many accessible parking spaces are required?

The answer to this question depends on the building where the parking lot is located. There are special rules for apartment buildings and medical care facilities.

Apartment buildings (more than 10 units - see page 9)

If an apartment building has units designed for disabled occupants, one accessible parking space must be reserved for each unit. If there is more parking available, at least 2 percent of the extra parking or one additional parking space must be accessible.

Medical care facilities (see page 9)

At outpatient medical care facilities, 10 percent of the parking spaces provided must be accessible. Twenty percent must be accessible if the facility specializes in the treatment of persons with mobility impairments on either an inpatient or outpatient basis.

Other public buildings

In general, other parking lots or garage facilities must provide the number of accessible parking spaces shown in table on the next page. One of every eight of these spaces must be van-accessible.

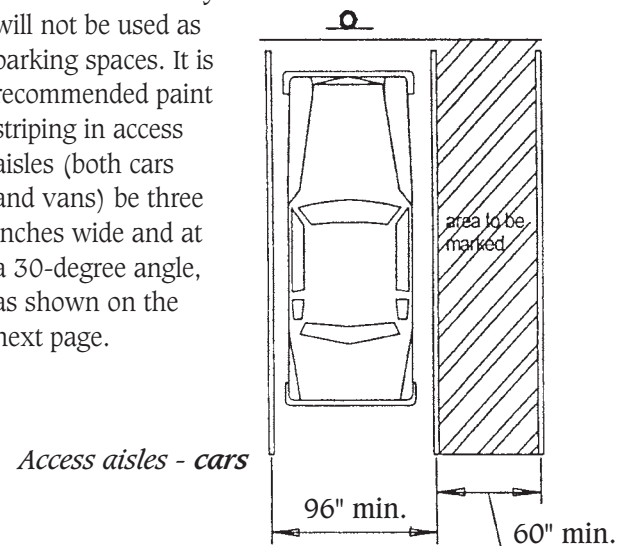
Number of accessible parking spaces

Total parking spaces in lot or garage	Total minimum number of accessible parking spaces
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1,000	2% of total parking provided in each lot
Over 1,000	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

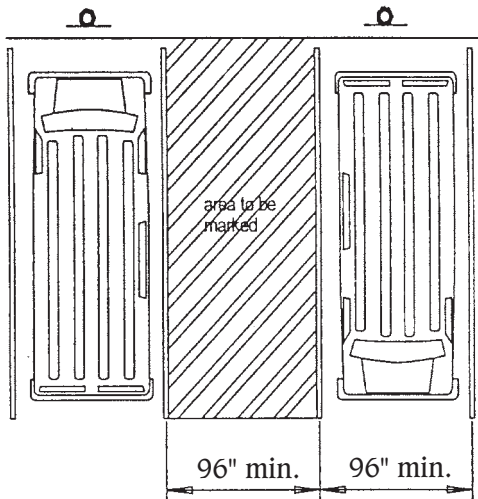
Are there size requirements for parking spaces?

Yes. Accessible parking spaces must be at least 96 inches wide and have an adjacent access aisle that is at least 60 inches wide. Spaces for vans must have an adjacent access aisle that is at least 96 inches wide. In parking garages, vans must have vertical clearance of at least 114 inches at the parking space and along at least one vehicle access route from entrances and exits.

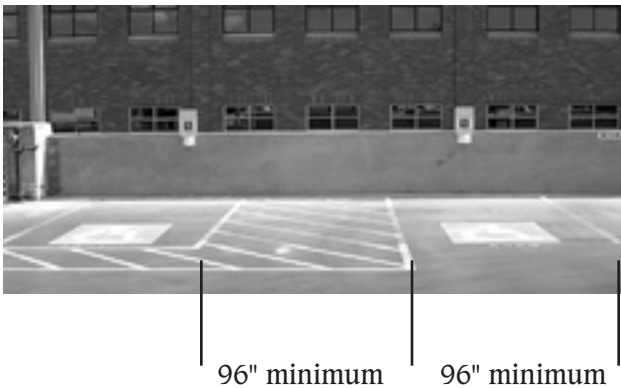
Where two spaces are provided next to each other, the access aisle may be shared between the two spaces. Pavement marking paint is white on a blue background. The boundaries of access aisles must be marked so that they will not be used as parking spaces. It is recommended paint striping in access aisles (both cars and vans) be three inches wide and at a 30-degree angle, as shown on the next page.



Access aisles - vans



Van-accessible parking



Where should accessible spaces be located?

Parking spaces must be located as close to an accessible building entrance as possible. If a building has several entrances with adjacent parking, a portion of the spaces can be located near each of the entrances. When spaces are added in an existing parking lot, they should be on level ground closest to an accessible entrance.

Parking spaces can be clustered in one or more lots if that provides equal or greater accessibility in terms of distance to the entrance, parking fees, and convenience. Van-accessible parking spaces located in parking garages can be clustered on one floor to accommodate the 114-inch minimum vertical height requirement.

Parking spaces and access aisles should be located on a surface that:

- Is firm, stable, smooth, and slip-resistant.
- Has a slope less than 1:48.

The route from the accessible parking space to the entrance of a building:

- Should never have curbs or stairs.
- Must be at least three feet wide.
- Must have a firm surface that is stable and slip resistant.
- Must have a slope that is less than 1:12 in the direction of travel.

Whenever practical, the route from the parking space to the building should not cross traffic lanes. If crossing traffic is necessary, the route should be marked with a crosswalk.



What signs are required?

A sign must be placed at the head of every accessible parking space. This can be on a pole or on a building across a sidewalk. The sign must be centered between three and five feet (915 to 1525 mm) off the ground. The key point is that it is visible to the driver of the vehicle.

The sign must include the International Symbol of Access (wheelchair) and the phrase "State Disabled Parking Permit Required." The symbol, shown below, must be white on a blue background (RCW 70.92.120).



Van-accessible parking spaces must have an additional sign mounted below the symbol that identifies the space as "Van Accessible."

Disabled parking sign



Disabled parking sign Van-Accessible



What are the penalties for not complying with the law?

According to RCW 46.61.581, people who own or control the property where accessible parking is located must:

- Put up and maintain required signs.
- Make sure that the parking spaces are not blocked or made inaccessible.

Failure to do this is a Class 2 civil infraction that can result in a fine of \$125 a day for each violation under Chapter 7.80 RCW.

Appendix: State laws about disabled parking

International Building Code

Section 1106 – Parking and Passenger Loading Facilities

1106.1 Required. Where parking is provided, accessible parking spaces shall be provided in compliance with Table 1106.1, except as required by Section 1106.2 through 1106.4. The total number of accessible parking spaces shall be determined based on the total number of parking spaces provided for the facility.

Table 1106.1

Accessible Parking Spaces - Please see table on page 5.

WAC 51-50

1101.2.4 (ICC A117.1 Section 502.6) Identification of accessible parking spaces. Where accessible parking spaces are required to be identified by signs, the signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with ICC A117.1 Section 703.7.

1106.2 Groups R-2 and R3. (IBC) Two percent, but not less than one, of each type of parking space provided for occupancies in Groups R-2 and R-3, which are required to have Accessible, Type A or Type B dwelling or sleeping units, shall be accessible. Where parking is provided within or beneath a building, accessible parking shall also be provided within or beneath the building.

1106.3 Outpatient medical care facilities. For Group I-1 and I-2 Occupancies providing outpatient medical care facilities, 10 percent, but not less than one, of the parking spaces provided accessory to such occupancies shall be accessible.

1106.4 Inpatient and outpatient medical care facilities. For Group I-1 and I-2 units and facilities specializing in the treatment of persons with mobility impairments on either an inpatient or outpatient basis, 20 percent, but not less than one, of the parking spaces provided accessory to such units and facilities shall be accessible.

1106.5 (IBC) Van Spaces. For every six or fraction of six accessible parking spaces, at least one shall be a van-accessible parking space.

1106.6 Location. Accessible parking spaces shall be

located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible building entrance. Accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed among the various types of parking facilities provided. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking spaces shall be located on the shortest route to an accessible pedestrian entrance to the parking facility. Where buildings have multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located near the accessible entrances. Wherever practical, the accessible route of travel shall not cross lanes of vehicular traffic. Where crossing traffic lanes is necessary, the route of travel shall be designated and marked as a crosswalk.

Exception: In multilevel parking structures, van accessible parking spaces are permitted on one level.

Section 1107.2 Design and Construction

1107.2.1 General. When accessible parking spaces are required by this section, they shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this section.

1107.2.2 Size. Parking spaces shall be not less than 96 inches (2440 mm) in width and shall have an adjacent access aisle not less than 60 inches (1525 mm) in width. Van accessible parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle not less than 96 inches (2440 mm) in width.

Where two adjacent spaces are provided, the access aisle may be shared between the two spaces. Boundaries of access aisles shall be marked so that the aisles will not be used as parking space.

1107.2.3 Vertical clearance. Where accessible parking spaces are required for vans, the vertical clearance shall be not less than 114 inches (2895 mm) at the parking space and along at least one vehicle access route to such spaces from site entrances and exits.

1107.2.4 Slope. Accessible parking spaces and access aisles shall be located on a surface with a slope not to exceed 1 vertical in 48 horizontal.

1107.2.5 Surface. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be firm, stable, smooth, and slip-resistant.

1107.3 Signs. Every parking space required by this section shall be identified by a sign, centered between three and five feet (915 mm and 1525 mm) above the

parking surface, at the head of the parking space. The sign shall include the International Symbol of Access and the phrase "State Disabled Parking Permit Required."

Van-accessible parking spaces shall have an additional sign mounted below the International Symbol of Access identifying the spaces as "Van Accessible."

Exception: However, if all the parking stalls are van-accessible it is not necessary to post the additional "Van Accessible" sign.

Washington RCW 46.61.581

Property Owner Responsibility

Failure of the person owning or controlling the property where required parking spaces are located to erect and maintain the sign is a Class 2 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW for each parking space that should be so designated. The person owning or controlling the property where the required parking spaces are located shall ensure that the parking spaces are not blocked or made inaccessible, and failure to do so is a Class 2 civil infraction.